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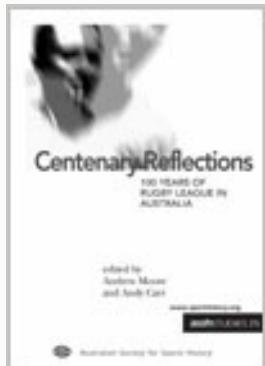
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Library to watch the race in the Metcalfe Auditorium. Absorbed by her research, she kept reading at 3.00 pm as the Cup field formed in the barriers at Flemington. Three minutes and twenty three seconds later Greer remained oblivious when the New Zealand horse, Efficient, crossed the line to collect \$3,100,000 in prize money. The 'race that stops the nation' had failed to make an impact on the celebrated author.

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